

FRIDAY FLYER
THE CHILDREN'S ACADEMY
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Dec. 7th – Dec. 11th 2009



HOLIDAY REMINDER - Our Holiday program will be held December 18th at 10:30. Please join us! Please call the office if your child will not be attending the show to insure all parts are covered.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS – If you have not received your after school program package, please contact the office. These are worthwhile programs that can enhance your child's Academy experience, please consider signing up.

FLU VACCINE – Pursuant to NJAC 8:57-4.22(d), the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Senior Services (the Department) determined that due to limited vaccine availability it is appropriate and reasonable to temporarily suspend for the 2009 – 2010 academic year the mandatory requirement for children six months through 59 months of age attending any child-care center or preschool facility to receive at least one dose of influenza vaccine. This temporary suspension is based on delays in vaccine production with a resultant delay in delivery and supply shortage within New Jersey.

2010 – 2011 APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSIONS – To receive the program of choice and a waived enrollment fee, please send in your applications.

SNACK – Thank you to Nicole and Marco for sharing snack with her friends!

BIRTHDAY - Happy Birthday to Nicole Palumbo!

LITTLE ROOM - Mrs. Lombardi and Mrs. Simmons

PRACTICAL LIFE – Our spooning activity was modified and is now on a much smaller scale. This new challenge is a classroom favorite. Santa tin opening was presented which offers the additional challenge of nesting from smallest to biggest. A gift bag wrapping activity was also shown.

MATH – The sandpaper number **4** was added to math as well as Driedel counting work.

SENSORIAL – Holiday sorting was shown which explores visual discrimination based on shape rather than color. A gift tag activity was also presented.

CULTURAL – This week we have talked about Christmas traditions and the mythical Rudolph as well as a Christmas tree decorating activity was introduced.

TRANSITIONAL ROOM – Mrs. Tschopp and Mrs. Bottiglieri - This week we talked about Christmas. We all enjoy looking around our neighborhood for decorations and colorful lights.

LANGUAGE- Our new activity this week were Christmas matching. The quatrefoil inset was added to the shelf to improve pencil control and reinforce left to right progression. The “u” objects and coloring paper was also added to the shelf.

PRACTICAL LIFE- Christmas lacing and present tweezing was shown. Both activities improve eye hand coordination, small muscle control and build concentration.

SENSORIAL- our new activities were holiday pom pom sorting and holiday button sorting. These activities reinforce sorting skills.

MATH – Number blocks and leaf stamping were added to the shelf to reinforce number recognition, quantities and counting skills.

CULTURAL – With the cold weather finally upon us, we traveled to Antarctica to see what it would be like to have cold weather all the time. We looked at pictures of the glaciers. We also found out that no animals live there except penguins and whales!

ART- Christmas insets were added to our shelf. Our art project was Christmas wreathes and Christmas trees. The children also made holiday presents for our parents.

SOUND OF THE WEEK – For the week of: December 14 “b” as in bat

BIG ROOM – Mrs. Sarno, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Dixon and Mrs. Gerst

PRACTICAL LIFE – Opening, closing and stacking holiday tins, liquid pouring and ornament placement on our Christmas trees helps us to prepare for the coming holidays while improving our small motor skills, eye hand coordination and concentration. Large clothes pin clipping improves our pincer grip. Our new home improvement activities include small bolts and nuts and the hex bolt screwdriver which will strengthen our small muscle skills.

LANGUAGE – We have added a new sequencing set of cards to the sequencing basket on the black shelf. Our new buckets to help refine sizing and whole word recognition are also on the black shelf. They contain pine trees and stars.

MATH – We are learning to count by 10 using the Montessori Sequin board B. This helps us learn the names and quantities of multiples of 10. The new activities presented this week were holiday eraser counting, ornament counting, holiday tree graphing, gingerbread man color by number, and Hanukkah Menorah sequencing.

SENSORIAL – Winter pom poms used our color sorting skills. Bell and tree sequin placement activities were introduced to help with matching. Contrast cards enabled us to compare color and black and white photos. We compare design as opposed to color. Sour cream and cool whip tested our ability to taste sweet and sour this week.

SOCIAL STUDIES – There is so much to learn about the Christmas holiday. We discussed the birth of Jesus, the wise men and the gifts they brought to the manager. We learned that the Christmas tree is a symbol of life (evergreen), originally decorated with edibles for the forest animals. We continued the tradition of decorating which brings happiness to all. Santa was the bearer of gifts for the children and this tradition continues today.

SCIENCE – Red, yellow and blue are primary colors. By pairing them up we were able to make new colors (secondary colors). We'll be experimenting all week with our own mixtures of colors.

ART – We decorated triangles and glued them together to make beautiful Jewish Stars!

VOCABULARY – primary, secondary, advent, edible

SOUND OF THE WEEK - For the week of: December 14th “b” boy
January 4th “r” rabbit

French for the following week – Greetings everyone (Les salutations tout le monde). We will be learning words about the house this week (nous apprendrons des mots de la maison cette semaine). The bedroom (la chambre –shambra), the dining room (la sale a manger-sahl ah manzkzhay), the bathroom (la sale de bains – sahl de behn), the kitchen (la cuisine-kweezeen, the stairs (l'escalier-lehskalyay), the door (la porte-port), and the roof (le toit-twah).

CALENDAR REMINDER

December 18th

Friday

**Holiday Show
Show begins at 10:30
(Children arrive at 10:00)**

December 21st – January 3rd

**No School – Holiday
Vacation**

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